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DEATH OF AN OUTLAW

**James McKinney the Murderer Killed—
Kills two Officers Before His Bloody
Career is Ended.**

The long and exciting pursuit of James McKinney, outlaw, from Kingman, Arizona, ended in a battle with the officers of the law within a few blocks of the business center of Bakersfield, Cal., on Sunday.

An account of the affair is given in the following report from Bakersfield. The killed:

James McKinney, outlaw; William E. Tibbet, deputy sheriff.

Fatally wounded:

Thomas K. Packard, city marshal.

The battle took place in a large two-story brick building on the outskirts of Chinatown, used by the Chinese members of the Sui Ong Tong lodging house as an opium den and joss house. Here McKinney kept secret for two or three days. He had a companion, Al Hulse, an ex-convict, who being a member of the Chinese secret society was enabled to enlist the aid and sympathy of the Orientals in harboring the outlaw.

Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning Sheriff Kelley, of Kern, Collins, of Tulare and Lovin, of Arizona, with officers Will and Burt Tibbets, Guy Tower and City Marshal Packard, surrounded the house in which McKinney was known to be in hiding. Will Tibbet and Packard approached and ordered the outlaw to surrender. McKinney answered by shooting. Will Tibbet was shot through the stomach and died shortly after; Packard was shot through the neck and shoulders and dangerously wounded. Burt Tibbets, brother of the dead deputy sheriff, shot McKinney through the mouth and neck, killing him.

The house was a regular fort. In the place with McKinney was Al Hulse, a desperado. McKinney had a sawed-off shotgun in his hand, while Hulse used a pistol. Hulse would not obey the order to come out of the barricaded house, and the fire department was ordered to the scene. Hulse then surrendered. He was taken to the county jail.

Another accomplice of McKinney was known to be in the house where the battle took place, but would not surrender. The building was set on fire, and in fifteen minutes the man who refused to give his name was smoked out and taken to jail. The feeling runs very high against Hulse, the evidence tending to show that he is the man whose bullet killed Deputy Sheriff Tibbets. The murdered officer was a popular man, and there is considerable talk of lynching.

McKinney is accused of having committed several murders. He was a native of California, and was first sent to the penitentiary from Tulare county for assault to murder, and after his release went to Randsburg, Cal., where he figured in some further shooting trouble. He escaped trial, coming to Bakersfield soon afterward, where, in the latter part of 1900, he shot and killed Tom Sayers, a gambler, as the result of a dispute over a game of cards. No one saw the fight and McKinney was acquitted.

Last July, in Porterville, he killed Billy Linn, wounded Constable Wil-

lis and another man in a drunken row. He made a sensational escape from capture, and for months wandered, practically unmolested, around the country. A few weeks ago Sheriff Collins located the outlaw at Hermosillo, Mexico, and an application for his extradition was made. The Mexican authorities had released him before the arrival of papers, and he disappeared again for parts unknown.

Nothing more was heard of him until April 5th, when news came from Kingman, Ariz., that McKinney had murdered Charles Blakey, known as the "Cowboy Pianist," and Roy Winchester, a young miner. Nothing definite is known of the cause of the murders, but it is thought that McKinney took the men for officers, and lay in wait for them on the trail. After the shooting the murderer went to a ranch and compelled the rancher to shoe two horses for him, and then rode away. Posses started in pursuit of McKinney, but he eluded them, and succeeded in reaching Bakersfield, where his two brothers live.

FORESTRY IN NEW MEXICO

**The Hagermans Will Plant 450 Acres in
Trees—Forest Protection in New Mexico**

A bulletin issued by the forestry bureau says:

William L. Hall, chief of the division of forest extension, of the bureau of forestry, has just returned from a trip to New Mexico, made at the request of J. J. and H. J. Hagerman, principal members of the South Spring Ranch and Cattle company, which owns a big ranch near Roswell, in the Pecos river valley, one of the richest and best irrigated regions in the territory. The company wants to raise trees on a part of its irrigated lands, both for fence posts and for shade and ornamental purposes. Mr. Hall made a planting plan for 450 acres. The trees to be planted for fence posts will be hardy catalpa; those to be planted for shade and ornament will be hard woods, such as black walnut, pecan, green ash, basswood, horse chestnut, white elm and sycamore.

There is no timber in this part of New Mexico, except the cottonwoods that are planted there. Fence posts of Sabine cedar, from the canyons of western Texas, are shipped in and cost 15 cents to 20 cents apiece.

While in New Mexico Mr. Hall made a preliminary examination of 200,000 acres of cut-over timber land owned by William H. Bartlett of Chicago. The land lies on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico about 50 miles southwest of Trinidad, and touches the Colorado line. The land once bore a good growth of yellow pine, but the timber has been or soon will be nearly all cut. Mr. Bartlett wants to grow timber on it again, not only for the production of lumber, but that it may serve as a private forest and game preserve. The bureau will put a party in the field this summer to make a plan for handling the tract. The problems of keeping out fire and improving the natural reproduction must be solved; and it may be necessary to restock part of the land by planting or seeding.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Resolutions for Sale of Land to Percival
Lowell for Observatory Adopted—
Bills Allowed and Rejected.**

Pursuant to ordinance the mayor and common council of the town of Flagstaff, met in town hall, Monday, April 13, 1903.

Present—Mayor Pollock; councilmen, Vail; clerk, Quinlan.

There not being a quorum present an adjournment was ordered and taken until Monday, April 20, 1903, at 4 p.m.

Approved. T. E. POLLOCK,

Mayor.

Attest: L. W. QUINLAN,

Clerk.

Pursuant to adjournment the mayor and common council of the town of Flagstaff, met in town hall, Monday, April 20, 1903, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mayor Pollock; councilmen, Vail, Babbitt and Blake; clerk, Quinlan.

Minutes of meetings, March 18th and 20, 1903, were read and approved.

On the claim of Jno. Clark for damages to buggy, \$72.00. Mr. Babbitt reported that he could not find any authority to pay such claims and no action was taken on the report or claim.

Mr. Doe appeared before the council relative to land for observatory.

Council committee reports favorable to deeding certain lands to Percival Lowell, for use as an observatory site and to make such deed at \$3.50 per acre.

On motion, which carried, the following resolution was introduced by Vail, seconded by Blake and carried unanimously.

Resolved, by the mayor and common council of the town of Flagstaff, that the tract of land desired to be purchased by Percival Lowell from the town of Flagstaff, and which has been examined by a committee of this council, duly appointed for such purpose, be sold to the said Percival Lowell for the sum of three dollars and fifty cents, (\$3.50) for each and every acre so sold. Further, that the exact boundaries of said tract shall be as agreed upon between the said committee and said Lowell, and that said acreage, so sold shall not exceed 60 acres and that upon the precise boundaries being so agreed upon, that the mayor and town clerk be and are hereby instructed, authorized and empowered to convey the same by a quit claim deed in the name of the town of Flagstaff to the said Percival Lowell, upon the payment of the purchase price as aforesaid.

Petition of Lena Raymond for retail liquor license, in blok 96, having been regularly filed, on motion, which carried, license was granted as prayed for in said petition.

The following bills were read, approved and ordered paid:

Jeff Thompson, deputy marshal
16 nights\$ 32 00

Dr. Brannen, professional service, January, February.... 100 00

Western Union Co., clock rent to June 30, 1903..... 3 00

Black & Jones, electric belt.... 25

E. W. Whipple, fumigating, Stemmer house, 3-16..... 10 00

Babbitt Bros., jail and office

supplies, March, 1903..... 13 90

Mutual Phone Co., March rent of phone..... 1 50

The Callahan Co., shut off nozzle tip, 10-7-02..... 15 00

C. M. Funston, printing..... 18 75

H. Heller, Blacksmithing, 3-1-03 9 75

C. A. Green, st. work March.. 148 00

C. A. Green, street work April 101 50

Babbitt Brothers, scraper and nails, street work..... 12 80

Jno. Chisholm, street work front street, March 1903 29 00

Babbitt Brothers, corporation valves, tools and supplies, water works..... 43 50

A. C. Winkler, taking down broken fire plug..... 3 00

C. C. Compton, man and team at reservoir one day..... 3 50

Jno. Chisholm, trip to reservoir and return..... 5 00

Douglass & Shank, ten days work on reservoir..... 50 00

Sam Douglass, eight days work on water meter at \$2.50 per day..... 20 00

Jno. Chisholm, five days work on water meter, \$2.50 per day 12 50

Worthington Meter Co., meter body for mill meter..... 247 00

Santa Fe R. R. Co., freight on meter body for mill meter.... 132 08

Bill of Dr. Brannen for medicine \$44.20, was referred back for correction.

Bill of Eva Bassett, account nursing Miss Anderson in quarantine, 31 days at \$3.00 per day, \$93.00, was rejected and not allowed.

Claim of Dr. G. F. Manning, account medical attendance to Miss Anderson, \$25.00 was rejected and not allowed.

Superintendent of water works Jno. Marshal, made demand for increase in salary to \$125.00 per month. Demand was referred to committee on water works for report.

City engineer was ordered to replace grade stakes on Railroad avenue, south end of Block 1 A.

No further business coming before the council the meeting was adjourned.

Approved. T. E. POLLOCK,

Mayor.

Attest: L. W. QUINLAN,

Clerk.

THE NEW UNITED VERDE SHAFT

**To Be Sunk to the Nine Hundred-foot Level—
Making Two Feet Per Day.**

Monday, the new shaft at the United Verde had reached the depth of eight hundred feet. The two shifts that have been at work sinking to the eight hundred will be continued until the nine hundred-foot level is reached. They are making about two feet a day, which will require another fifty days to complete work now planned for the shaft.

In making the new shaft a sulphide ore was struck on the six hundred and the shaft has never been out of it since. It will be remembered that a drift was run from what was then considered the main body of the United Verde ore to supposed ground. The two hundred feet of ore from the six to eight is only part of what is now expected from deeper developments.

The new discovery will, of course, increase the life of the mine, how long no one can compute. It is too bad the United Verde is unable to find barren ground through which to hoist ore.